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In Congress at Exeter December 26th 1775

Whereas a Writ Issued from the late Congress of this Colony directed to the Selectmen of Hanover requiring them to notify the legal Inhabitants paying taxes in Hanover, Lebanon, ~~Dorchester~~ Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan & Grafton to meet at said Hanover and chose one person to Represent them in General Congress to be held at Exeter the twenty first day of December then next which Writ has been returned by the Selectmen of said Hanover, and no return thereon certifying the choice or appointment of any Person as directed. Therefore to the end that the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Towns may not be unrepresented in the present Congress Resolved, that the following Writ Issue

Colony of New Hampshire

The Congress of said Colony

To the Selectmen of Hanover in said County Greeting

You are hereby required to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Town of Hanover, Lebanon, Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan & Grafton (giving them fifteen Days Notice) to meet at some convenient Place in your Town, to elect one Person (having real Estate, of the Value of Two Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money

in this Colony) to represent them in General Congress, now sitting at Eyeten — And to impower such Representative for the Term of one Year from the 21st of December last to transact such Business, and pursue such Measures as they may judge necessary for the public Good —

And in case there should be a Recommendation from the Continental Congress, that this Colony assume Government in any particular Form, which will require a House of Representatives, that they resolve themselves into such House as the said Continental Congress shall recommend. And it is resolved that no Person be allowed a Seat in Congress, who shall by himself, or any Person for him, before said House, treat with Liquor, &c. any Electors, with an apparent View of gaining their Votes, or afterwards on that Account.

And the Person who shall be elected, you are to notify, that he attend at Eyeten aforementioned. And make return hereof with your Doings thereon

By Order of Congress

Matthew Thornton, President

Eyeten Nov. the 14th 1775 E. Thompson Secretary

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